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## Getting at the Facts

Another Story Connected With the Cronin Murder.

## CHARGES OF EMBEZZLEMENT.

The Grand Jury Asked to Examine Into the Financial Transactions of Alexander Sullivan—Some Startling Disclosures Looked for in the Near Future.

CHICAGO, May 30.—There was a prolonged conference yesterday afternoon at the rooms of State Attorney Longenecker between that official and Byron L. Smith, receiver of the Traders' bank, which suspended some months ago, Bailiff Mortimer Scanlan and Patrick Cavanaugh, the two latter being among the closest friends of Dr. P. H. Cronin. The object of the conference which was held at the instance of Cavanaugh and Scanlan was to lay before the state's attorney the alleged facts relating to an individual account with the defunct bank, which it is believed by Cronin's friends has an important bearing on that murder.

At the outset a formal request was made of the state's attorney to seize books of the bank forthwith and submit them to the grand jury. In them it was said the body would find ample evidence to bear out Cronin's declarations that a certain prominent Irish-American had been guilty of a huge embezzlement of Nationalist funds, when a member of the governing board of the Clan-na-Gael. In support of the request Scanlan made a long argument. He said that while Alexander Sullivan was a member of the triumvirate he went to Paris and demanded of Patrick Egan, then an exile from Ireland, and acting as treasurer of the Irish Land league the sum of \$10,000, to be used in carrying out the aims and objects of the physical force men in the United States. This sum was needed, he said, to furnish certain expedition that have been planned in a meeting or representative members of the Clan-na-Gael.

Egan, Scanlan went on to say, refused to pay over the money and thereupon Sullivan threatened to disrupt every Irish society in the United States, adding that a large element was dissatisfied with the management of Irish affairs and on the verge of revolt. A week was consumed in the discussion of the matter, and finally Egan proposed that the counsel of some of his conferees should be taken. This was satisfactory to Sullivan and Sheridan, the famous No. 1 of the Phoenix Park "removals," and a leader of the physical force men in Ireland, was mutually agreed upon. He was summoned to Paris by telegraph, and after fully considering the question, decided that in order to conciliate all factions of the Clan-na-Gael in the United States, it would be better for the money to be paid. Thereupon Egan handed over to Sullivan \$10,000 in cash of the National league funds.

The full amount was brought to Chicago. Scanlan went on to say that several months ago when the institution went into the sheriff's hands he obtained permission to make a full examination of the books in the interest of Cronin and other prominent Irishmen. As a result he found that the sum of \$82,000 had been deposited to Sullivan's personal credit, but he was unable to learn how it was so deposited except in a general way. The whole amount, moreover, had been drawn out by means of a check. It was this transaction to which Dr. Cronin had called the attention of the convention held at Philadelphia, his statements at that time being supported by Sheridan, who had in the meantime come to this country, and is now in California. Cronin urged the appointment of a trial committee, but Sullivan managed to explain the matter away, and it was dropped until last summer, when the conflicting claims met in this city. Then Cronin renewed the charges, and the now famous committee of six was appointed to investigate. As has already been reported, a majority report vindicating Sullivan, and signed by four members, is already in existence, while Cronin just before his death completed a minority report in behalf of himself and his colleague, setting forth that the charges had been fully proven. Both of these reports were intended for the forthcoming convention of the National league.

Scanlan went on to argue that there was a direct connection between these facts and the murder, and in conclusion repeated his request for an investigation by the grand jury and offered to assist that body in going through the books. Judge Longenecker listened attentively, asking numerous questions, and when Scanlan had concluded he promised to give the request his serious and immediate consideration.

Outside of this the day was non-productive of developments, although the small army of city and private detectives fidgeted hither and thither with as much mysterious activity as ever. It was reported during the afternoon that Woodruff had confessed that Joe Man Sullivan had hired him to drive the cart in which the body was taken from the cottage, but a denial was given by the police authorities. Unsuccessful efforts were made by Chief Hubbard to induce Detective Coughlin and Woodruff to make a clean statement of their connection with the tragedy. Both absolutely refused to talk. Just before the grand jury adjourned the chief entered the chamber and held a brief conference with the body, which is supposed to have reference to the Scanlan story. Important developments are expected within a few days.

Woodruff Has Not Confessed.

To a United Press reporter Woodruff, under indictment for complicity in the murder of Dr. Cronin, strongly denied

having made any further confession to Capt. Schack. He declared he had told nothing different from his first story and regretted having told so much. He refused to say where he had met Detective Coughlin and remarked: "It might be putting a rope around his neck if I told what I know, and I'm not going to do it."

P. O. Sullivan has been removed from the Chicago Avenue station to the county jail.

## Denial of Several Sensational Stories.

State's Attorney Longenecker denied the sensational stories as to astounding revelations made to the grand jury by young Carlson, Capt. Schack and Pat. Dinan, the liveryman. One story was that Carlson testified that Frank Williams, who rented the house where Cronin was murdered, was very intimate with Sullivan, the ice man, and was in the habit of going into Sullivan's house by the back door, and that on one occasion he saw Sullivan give Williams money as the two men stood together near a window in Sullivan's back room. Judge Longenecker says no such evidence was given. He denies also the story that Capt. Schack had told the grand jury that he had a witness who had seen Sullivan and Woodruff together in a saloon and that Sullivan gave Woodruff a bank note for a large sum. A third was that Pat. Dinan, the liveryman, fully identified Willard Smith as the man who drove away the buggy with the white horse which had been hired by Coughlin. This was also denied by Judge Longenecker.

## Irishmen Out of the Conference.

With the exception of W. J. Hynes, the attorney, it is evident that all the prominent Irishmen are shut out of the police conference and are totally in the dark in regard to the course being pursued by the authorities in the Cronin investigation.

Luke Dillon, of Philadelphia, has entered a vigorous protest against the actions of the Chicago police, and says that they are not on the right track and will not listen to suggestions from men in a position to put them in the right way. He says it is a sure thing that no Irish society had anything to do with the murder of Cronin, and is evidently angry to think that the police would think of such a thing for a moment, and is anxious to turn them from investigation on that line.

As a matter of fact Mr. Dillon does not know and has no means of knowing what course the police are pursuing. Chief Hubbard when spoken to on the subject, said that he did not know Mr. Dillon and had never seen him. If that gentleman has any valuable suggestion to make or pointers to give, the chief is not aware of the fact. If he or any other man has any suggestion to make, the chief will listen to them, but will not tell outsiders what he is doing.

## Smith Not Wanted.

The report that Willard J. Smith, of Michigan, had been arrested for complicity in the Cronin murder is now stated to be untrue. He visited Chief Hubbard yesterday and was taken to the jail where Detective Coughlin was asked if he was the man referred to as the one who hired the white horse and buggy. Coughlin declared he was not the one. Chief Hubbard was apparently satisfied with this, and Smith was informed that the police did not want him, and he left in company with his friends.

## Raising an Investigation Fund.

A fund is now being raised to prosecute to the fullest extent the investigation of the Cronin murder conspiracy. It will take considerable money to thoroughly examine into the facts and circumstances connected with this diabolical crime, and to bring to justice those implicated in it either as principals or accessories. Subscriptions should be sent to W. P. Reid, treasurer of this fund, at No. 132 East Madison street.

## The Coroner's Jury Take a Rest.

The coroner has adjourned the Cronin inquest to Monday morning at 10 o'clock. No evidence was heard, and the adjournment was taken at the suggestion of Capt. Ed. Wing, of the Lake View police, and State's Attorney Longenecker, who, after a conference, agreed that it would injure the case to make public the evidence in the possession of the police by proceeding with the inquest.

## Not the Williams Wanted.

SOUTH BEND, Ind., May 30.—Millard Williams arrested here for complicity in the Cronin murder case is not the person wanted, and has been released.

## A LAKE DISASTER.

Nineteen Lives Lost in the Recent Storm on Lake Ontario.

KINGSTON, Ont., May 30.—The worst disaster that has occurred on Lake Ontario in many years, took place yesterday. The steam barge D. D. Calvin, of Kingston, with a tow of three schooners with timber from St. Ignace, was struck by a gale off Long Point. The tow line parted and the Norway, Valencia and Bavaria were in the trough of the sea. The two former managed to come to anchor after being water-logged, and were picked up by the Calvin and Armenia and brought here. The crews were perched on cabin tops for twenty-four hours without food and with the waves washing over them, and suffered terribly.

The Bavaria went ashore on Galloo Island, sixty miles from here, and the crew were all lost. They were: Capt. John Marshall, wife and three children, of Kingston; First Mate Felix Campana, wife and six children, of Garden Island; Second Mate John Snell, leaves a widowed mother; William McGarrity, of Garden Island; Sandy Berry, Pittsburgh; Archy Borley and Elias Borley, of St. Paul's bay, all seamen and single, and Bella Hartman, cook.

## Crops Damaged in New York.

BUFFALO, N. Y., May 30.—Heavy frosts are reported this morning throughout the middle and northern parts of the state, doing great damage to growing crops.

## Samoan Conference.

Our Commissioners Having a Tough Fight.

## SUCCESS CROWN THEIR EFFORTS.

An Agreement Has Been Reached and Will Be Made Public in a About Ten Days—Awaiting a Ratification—Other Foreign News.

LONDON, May 30.—The Times' Berlin correspondent reports that the American commissioners to the Samoan conference had a tough fight for the assertion of the principle for which they contended, and that the convention, when concluded, will show that their labors have not been without a measure of success.

The Daily News' Berlin special says the newly appointed sub-committee of the Samoan conference has reached a definite agreement which will be made public in about ten days. The Americans await a ratification of the agreement by cable, and Sir Edward Mallet will go to London to establish that of his government.

## Socialists Responsible for the Strikes.

BERLIN, May 30.—Evidence is accumulating to fix the responsibility upon the Socialist agitators for the strikes among the Westphalian miners. The police at Dortmund made a raid upon the houses of the leaders of the strikers and seized, together with a considerable sum of money, many letters and papers emanating from Socialist sources, and clearly establishing the close connection between the strikers and the Socialist propaganda. They also arrested the editor of The People's Gazette, a Socialist organ, charged with having instigated the strikers.

## Not Treason.

THE HAGUE, May 30.—Three of the persons arrested here for being concerned in the treasonable act of replacing the National standard by a Socialist flag during the rejoicing there at the news of Holland's resumption of power have been released, and the others will probably be let go soon, particularly as the evidence against them is by no means convincing.

## Appealing for a Change.

LONDON, May 30.—The deputation of Unionist members of parliament appointed at a recent meeting of Unionists called upon Lord Salisbury to-day, and presented a petition asking for the abolition of the office of viceroy of Ireland and merging its duties into those of the chief secretary. The premier replied that he would faithfully consider the request.

## A Demand of Penalties.

MADRID, May 30.—The Spanish journals have made light of the agrarian disturbances near Valencia, but private advices state that several lives were lost before the manifestations were quelled, and that the peasantry have demanded the passage of laws tending to ameliorate their condition.

## Loss to American Companies.

HAMBURG, May 30.—The warehouses which were burned with their contents in Lubeck harbor last Sunday were mostly insured in American companies.

## FROM WASHINGTON TO BROOKLYN.

The President's Uneventful Trip to the City of Churches.

WASHINGTON, May 30.—President Harrison accompanied by Private Secretary Halford and Secretary Tracy, left Washington for New York at 3:45 yesterday afternoon on the Pennsylvania railroad. The party occupied a private car attached to the regular congressional express, which is due in New York at 9:20 p. m. The president reached the depot at 3:30 and was joined by Private Secretary Halford, who awaited his arrival in the ladies' waiting room, and then went direct to his car. To reach the car he had to cross the large public waiting room. He was instantly recognized, and the few persons in the station crowded to the gates to see him off. When outside the gates the president turned and lifted his hat and then entered his car.

## They Pass the Night in Brooklyn.

NEW YORK, May 30.—President Harrison, Gen. Tracy, Gen. Lew Wallace and Mr. Halford arrived in Jersey City at 9:20 p. m. and were met by a G. A. R. special committee, headed by Grand Marshal J. F. Knapp, and escorted to Mr. Knapp's residence in Brooklyn, where the president passed the night.

## Rhode Island's New State Officers.

NEWPORT, R. I., May 30.—In the joint convention of the general assembly the Newport county delegates who were defeated because of the defeat of ex-Governor Welmore for United States senator, bolted the Republican nomination of Almond K. Goodwin, of Pawtucket, for state auditor, and voted for William C. Townsend, senior member. On the fifth ballot the Democrats abandoned their own candidate, E. W. Bucklin, of Pawtucket, and voted for Townsend, who was elected. The Republican leaders were completely surprised, and as they did not dare to proceed with further elections until a conference was held, a recess was taken. In the afternoon the general assembly elected various minor state and county officers, including Dwight P. Adams, of Warwick, and Louis B. Darling, of Pawtucket, as members of the state board of education.

He who has grown weary of remaining at home often goes forth and suddenly returns, inasmuch as he discovers he is nothing better for being abroad.—Lucretius.

## A BARN RAISING ACCIDENT.

Over a Dozen People Injured, Three of Them Fatally.

AKRON, O., May 30.—While a number of farmers were assisting Jacob Boerster in putting up the timbers of his new barn at Royal Oak, in this county, one of the heavy beams fell upon a score of workers. Frank Erich, Jacob Kutz and Milton Boerster were terribly crushed and all three will die. William, Charles and Joseph Bauer received serious injuries, and a dozen others were badly cut and bruised.

The accident caused great excitement. A number of women, who were preparing dinner for the workers, rushed from the house and on seeing the blood flowing from the wounds of their husbands and other relatives, several of them fainted, and a wild scene ensued.

## Food for Thought.

CARLINVILLE, Ill., May 30.—Louis Klengris, a married man, was shot in the head and instantly killed by Mrs. Jennie Wheeler, a woman of bad reputation, at her house about 12 o'clock Monday night. The coroner's jury remanded Mrs. Wheeler to jail to await the action of the grand jury.

## Money is the Object.

NEW YORK, May 30.—Billy Myer, the Streator, Ill., fighter and Jack McAuliffe have agreed to fight under the auspices of the California athletic club, provided a purse large enough is offered.

## SHORT TALK.

Small Events Which Took Place at Different Places.

Dr. C. C. Lathrop suicided with morphine at Denver, Col.

John Petticoord, of Green Spring, O., is mysteriously missing.

It is said that an English syndicate is after the Kentucky distilleries.

Mrs. Fanny DeMeese died near Louisville, Ky., at the age of 115 years.

Petroleum has been discovered in the Ramirez Varela land, Mexico.

A gang of counterfeiters and moonshiners was captured near Versailles, Ill.

Two men were arrested at Steubenville, O., for passing worthless bank notes.

At New York John Berken shot Bertha Schreyer and then killed himself.

The annual inspection and parade of the Cincinnati police occurred yesterday.

Charles Brees is charged, at Richmond, Ind., with outraging a 10-year-old girl.

Miners are flocking into the Yukon, Alaska, mining district in large numbers.

Near Guthrie, Ky., a man named Swift was shot and fatally wounded by James Morrow.

Alex. M. Walter, aged 69 years, attempted to murder his wife and kill himself at Baltimore, Md.

Mrs. Randolph Bradt, of Brenham, Tex., became suddenly insane and killed two of her children.

Near Chippewa Falls, Wis., a young lady passenger in a sleeping car was assaulted by a colored man.

John Foley, aged 17, was instantly killed at Walker's saw mill at Grand Forks, Dak., by a loose bolt.

Maj. D. Koeley, a wealthy citizen of Mitchell, Ind., was seriously injured in a runaway accident.

James Hyam, who killed Joshua Evans, in Baltimore, was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

Col. William L. Schley, of Baltimore, claim and pension agent, has been arrested for pension swindling.

At Cleveland, O., Patrick Merrick assaulted a woman and seriously injured a man who sought to rescue her.

The last rail on the Frankfort and Georgetown division of the Kentucky Midland railway was laid yesterday.

The Concordia land district, in Kansas, has been consolidated with that of Salina, with its office at the town of Salina.

The Eastern Kentucky Mining and Lumber company, with a capital of \$100,000, has been incorporated. Paris is its headquarters.

Clifton Holden, charged with the murder of his cousin, Frank Dodge, was found guilty of murder in the first degree, at Redwood Falls, Minn.

By the fall of a roof in the Wyoming colliery of the Lehigh Valley company, John Sheddock, a miner, and a Hungarian laborer, named Sudown, were killed.

A man named Quillen was sentenced, at Van Wert, O., to five years' imprisonment in the penitentiary for attempting to outrage the person of an 11-year-old girl.

Marion, Ind., offers \$50,000 in cash, thirty-five acres of land and a natural gas well for the location at that place of the Toledo, St. Louis and Kansas City machine shops.

Jordan Scott, colored, was arrested at Paris, Ky., Tuesday night, charged with stealing two pistols. He is wanted at Frankfort for assaulting a man with intent to kill.

The coroner's verdict in regard to the death of Rose Gregorie, at Marquette, Mich., finds that she was killed by her husband, Andrew Gregorie, who shot himself in the head, but is recovering.

Mrs. Mollie Corwin was granted a divorce at Shelbyville, Ind., Tuesday, from Joseph Corwin, her seventh husband, from whom she was divorced last winter, and to whom she was remarried soon after.

The Fayette county, Ky., court of claims adjourned Wednesday, after a thirteen days' session. The county levy was reduced from eighty-six to seventy-six cents on \$100. A committee was appointed to report on the advisability of building a new jail.

Mrs. Leim Gruber, recently from Switzerland with her husband, living near Osage Bluff, Mo., poisoned herself because she had no children. The next day the husband, because of his wife's act, shot himself and jumped into the river. He was rescued and will recover.

A peculiar religious sect, the "Pentecost band," has stirred up a commotion in Douglas county, Ill., and it is believed they are seeking to make converts to Mormonism. They have broken up several families. Two of the preachers were mobbed Monday night, and the Rev. Sibert was nearly killed.